

MINUTES OF WATER USERS' MEETING

LOWER SAN PITCH MEETING

Wednesday, January 23, 1974

2:30 p.m.

In attendance for the State Engineer: Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer
Stanley Green, Area Engineer

The meeting was opened by Donald C. Norseth. Mr. Norseth commented that at the present time, the water year was a little below normal as of January 1, 1974; however, indications were that this could be better and much would depend on what had happened for the balance of the winter. Since snow had failed following last year's high water, and this year may be worse because of the condition of the reservoirs. The water level in some reservoirs should be lowered to prevent failure.

Mr. Norseth noted that Perry Jensen had been appointed commissioner for the San Pitch at their water user's meeting held earlier that day.

Mr. Norseth then turned the meeting over to Ben Kjar, Chairman for the Lower San Pitch Water User's Committee. Chairman Kjar requested that Mr. Norseth read the minutes of the meeting for 1973. The minutes were read and accepted unanimously. Donald C. Norseth then read the letter from Stanley Green to Mr. Ben Kjar, dated January 8, 1974, regarding the assessment wherein it stated that based on a meeting with the Lower San Pitch River Committee on December 5, 1973, the assessment system was to be based on the following:

1. Half of the assessment would be based proportionally on the acreage served as has been previously determined and adjusted.
2. Half of the assessment would be based proportionally on the quantity of water measured to the users between March 1 and October 31.

There will be a minimum assessment of \$5.00.

This assessment system was discussed and it was moved and seconded that this method be adopted for a trial period of two years. The motion passed with one dissenting vote by James G. Olsen.

Chairman Kjar then requested that Mr. Donald C. Norseth read and discuss the financial statement. The statement was read and approved unanimously.

The budget for the coming year was then discussed by the Committee. James G. Olsen reported that the San Pitch River System had contributed approximately 5 per cent of their assessment to the Utah Water User's Association to assist them in financing their activities in supporting water legislation. Donald C. Norseth explained that the Association has asked for these funds to help them in their activities pertaining to such things as the Land Use Bill, environmental suits, etc.

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The Commissioner's salary was raised from \$2,400 to \$3,000. The Commissioner's mileage was raised to 12 cents a mile and \$1,100 per year with \$165 to the Utah Water User's Association.

The total budget was \$4,700. It was moved and seconded that the budget be approved and the budget was passed unanimously.

John McIntosh, Lower San Pitch River Commissioner, then discussed the Commissioner's report by each item and reviewed problems on the river system. The Commissioner's report was accepted unanimously. Copies of the report were given to representatives of each company or system. The Chairman then asked for nominations for the river commissioner, and it was moved and seconded and passed unanimously that John McIntosh be appointed. This nomination was accepted by Donald C. Norseth on behalf of the State Engineer.

At the meeting of 1973, it was passed by the water users that half of the committee would be elected on each alternate year. The following officers were elected for a 2-year period:

Neil Nielson, Vice-Chairman

Gayle Hansen, Second Chairman

Clyde R. Olsen, Fourth Chairman

Fifth Chairman - this position is vacant due to the death of Erwin Roberts. The position has been filled by someone from the Gunnison-Fayette Canal Company, and they will be asked to nominate their own candidate for this office to serve until 1975.

It was then moved and passed that the meeting be adjourned and that the Water User's Meeting be held approximately the same time in 1975.

The following persons were in attendance:

Donald C. Norseth
John McIntosh
Dale Petersen
Alonzo Hansen
James G. Olsen
Clyde R. Olsen
Vearl Christiansen
Afton C. Larsen
Ben Kjar, Chairman
Stanley Green
Wayne Nay
Raymond Jensen
Donald Olsen
Floyd R. Olsen
J. Neil Nielson

Division of Water Rights
Commissioner, Lower San Pitch River System
North Six Mile Irrigation Company
Ephraim
Ephraim, Olsen Ditch
Ephraim, Olsen Ditch
Mayfield Irrigation Company
San Pitch Drainage District
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